



January 17 & 18, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, January 17:

9:00 AM Taking Down of the Greens

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, January 18:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, January 19: FIVE GUYS DINE OUT

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Men. Pub. Lib)

Tuesday, January 20:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21:

5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

Thursday, January 22:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, January 23:

Saturday, January 24:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, January 25: Lutheran Schools Week

9:00 AM Divine Service **School Children Sing**

10:30 AM Education Hour

Thank you to everyone who participated in the celebration for my 95th birthday, the prayer, the cake, all the good wishes and hugs. I am blessed to be a part of this congregation where I feel everyone is my family and my friend. - **Char Elliott**

✠ We Pray For... ✠

The Sick: Dave & Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Elisabeth Billings, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Evensen, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William, Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, Phyllis Moran, George Ohlrogge, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

Those with Birthdays: Randy Bradley, Randolph Gehrt, Michael Moderson, Julie Vanden Wyngaard, Jolene Waldburger and Matthew Zachek.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Carrie & Tom Haanen.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given this weekend by the Altar Guild to the glory of God.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Jesus Christ is Lord” & “Proclaim the Lord”



John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”

The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

FOOD PANTRY

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Hamburger Helper, Paper Towels, Large Soups and Dish Soap. If you have questions, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Five Guys Dining Out
Fundraiser
See Bulletin Insert

BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY: 10:30 AM** *“Ezra” and “Nehemiah”*
with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY: 10:30 AM** *“What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School”* with
Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
- MONDAY: 6:30 PM** Women’s Bible Study
“Leaning on Jesus” A Study of God’s Strength by Deb Burma,
Contact: Connie Henkel,
Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY: 6:30 AM** Ladies Bible Study
200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus
All are welcome!
- THURSDAY: 6:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study
“1st and 2nd Timothy”
Contact: Steve Reinke
Conference Room

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or the church office.

HOLY COMMUNION

Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES FOR THE 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND OFFERING STATEMENT. THANK YOU!

✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, January 17:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Roger Voigt
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 18:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Jane Nielsen
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

SOUP & BREAD SALE!

The Soup & Bread Sale begins Saturday, January 17 through February 8, and supports the Organ and Piano Fund. Members who would like to make soup - the jars and instructions for soups are in the Narthex. Questions: contact Elaine Weinig at (920) 470-9090.

Family Game Night is Back!

Mark your calendar for February 7th immediately following the church service for our Family Game Night! Please bring a snack or hors d' oeuvres to share and your favorite game. The Board of Outreach & Social Ministry is sponsoring this event.

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, January 24:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Robert Allen
Communion Asst.: Vern Jahsman
Altar Guild: Carol Evensen
Greeter: Betty Allen
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 25:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog
Usher Team: Lee Weinig
Communion Asst: Paul Collingwood
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Liz Kamprath
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services. Kwik Trip, gas and groceries has doubled their rebate. Also, increased rebate on Fleet Farm. Limited time only!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:30 PM

Join us for a mid-fiscal year update on our financial picture and vote on Trinity's nominations for the National LCMS positions of President, First Vice-President and Regional Vice-President. Our Pastors provide the recommendations.

LWML South Wisconsin District

Winter Getaway

Jan. 30 & Jan. 31, 2026

Radisson Hotel

625 West Rolling Meadows Dr, Fond du Lac, WI, 54937

God is with you

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"
(Joshua 1:9).*



Contact Carol Evensen at:
even8891@sbcbglobal.net or call
(920) 725-5576 for more information or for a registration form.

Waiting Patiently?

Psalm 40

¹I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. ⁶Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." ⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Are you patient? Or are you one of those voices in the backseat on a car trip saying, "Are we there yet?" We call this impatience.

The people of Israel were also impatient; they wanted Jesus, the Savior of the world, to arrive much sooner than He did. But just as the destination on a car trip doesn't come as quickly as we'd like, God sometimes takes time, too. He often does this that your faith may be strengthened throughout the journey of this life, so you would learn to depend on Him.

This is why the psalmist wrote in our psalm today, "I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry" (**Psalm 40:1**). How do you think God answers your cries and prayers? The psalmist wrote, "He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure (**Psalm 40:2**).

The pit of destruction and the miry bog! We know what destruction looks like, but what is a

miry bog? It's a spongy, muddy wetland where your feet would sink into the earth with every step you took, making it impossible to travel smoothly. But the verse went on to say that God places your feet upon a rock, making your steps safe.

And this freedom is because, "[God] put a new song in [your] mouth, a song of praise to [your] God" (**Psalm 40:3a**). A new song implies there was an old song. The old song was that of Israel impatiently waiting for their Savior. But John the Baptist points us and all of God's people to the new song today, as he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (**John 1:29**). Jesus and His victory upon the cross is our new song, and it causes us to "Make a joyful noise to the LORD" (**Psalm 98:4**). Because our Father in heaven does hear and answer our prayers by sending His Son, Jesus, to save us. For this reason, the psalmist says, "Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust" (**Psalm 40:4a**).

Just as your parents do everything they can to get you safely to a destination, no matter how long it seems to take, your heavenly Father cares for you. So learn to be patient throughout the days of this life because, by the death of Jesus upon the cross, you have already been redeemed.

PRAYER

Merciful Lord, teach us to wait patiently for You, trusting Your wisdom and love. Thank You for sending Jesus as the Lamb of God to forgive our sins and set our feet on solid ground. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Events Around School

January 19	9 am Opening Devotion 3:45 pm Chess Club 5 Guys Dining Out
January 20	9 am Opening Devotion 3:45 pm Basketball Game at Home vs Celebration
January 21	9 am School Chapel
January 22	9 am Opening Devotion 10 am Herd School Day 3:45 pm Basketball Practice
January 23	9 am Opening Devotion